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For : IRES FUNCTIONING IN PLANT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action of January 13, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end April 13, 2009, no additional fee is believed due at this time. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.